

In the Claims:

1-7 (canceled)

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8. (currently amended) A wireless communications system, comprising:

at least one relatively long range base station;

a short-range base station having a short coverage area relative to said at least one long-range base station and disposed within the coverage area of said at least one relatively long-range base station; said short-range base station controlling which controls all wireless mobile communications to and/or from said at least one relatively long range base station within a limited range said short coverage area, said short-range base station restricting operation of communication devices disposed within said short coverage area which are capable of communicating with said at least one relatively long range base station wherein wireless communication devices within said limited range are either restricted to silent communications or, if not equipped for silent communications, blocked from all communications.

9- 13. (canceled)

14. A method of operating a wireless communications system, comprising the steps of:

providing at least one relatively long range base station;

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providing a short-range base station having a short coverage area relative to said at least one long-range base station and disposed within the coverage area of said at least one relatively long-range base station; said short-range base station controlling all wireless mobile communications to and/or from said at least one relatively long range base station within said short coverage area, said short-range base station restricting operation of communication devices disposed within said short coverage area which are capable of communicating with said at least one relatively long range base station
~~controlling wireless communications within a known area, wherein wireless communication devices within said known area are either blocked or restricted to silent communications, depending on the capabilities of said communications devices.~~

15. (currently amended) The method of Claim 14, wherein said step of controlling wireless communications is provided ~~done~~ in more than one format on more than one channel.

16. (new) The system of claim 8 wherein said communication devices include means responsive to said short range base station for providing at least one predetermined function at said communication devices.

B/ 17. (new) The system of claim 16 wherein said at least one predetermined function is one of precluding audible responses at said communication devices, causing a response to be converted from an audible response to a non-audible response and altering predetermined types of communications from said communication devices to said long range base station.

18. (new) The system of claim 17 wherein said at least one predetermined function is precluding audible responses at said communication devices.

19. (new) The system of claim 17 wherein said at least one predetermined function is causing a response to be converted from an audible response to a non-audible response

20. (new) The system of claim 17 wherein said at least one predetermined function is altering predetermined types of communications from said communication devices to said long range base station.

21. (new) The method of claim 14 wherein said communication devices include means responsive to said short range base station for providing at least one predetermined function at said communication devices.

22. (new) The method of claim 21 wherein said at least one predetermined function is one of precluding audible responses at said communication devices, causing a response to be converted from an audible response to a non-audible response and altering predetermined types of communications from said communication devices to said long range base station.

23. (new) The method of claim 22 wherein said at least one predetermined function is precluding audible responses at said communication devices.

B) 24. (new) The method of claim 22 wherein said at least one predetermined function is causing a response to be converted from an audible response to a non-audible response

25. (new) The method of claim 22 wherein said at least one predetermined function is altering predetermined types of communications from said communication devices to said long range base station.